

# **WEST HARTFORD SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

## **Minutes June 16, 2015**

Members present: Noreen Bachteler, Linda Hanson, Ray Guenter, Robert Kennedy, Ruth Kurien, Connie Melo, Ellen Phillips, Donna Sterling and Philip Walker  
Staff present: Kathleen Faroni, Susan Huleatt, Gina Marino  
Guests: Caryn Ferris, Mary Silverberg  
Volunteer Secretary: Amy Lynn Silverman

Chairman Phillip Walker called the meeting to order at 10:34AM.

The Minutes of May 19, 2015 were approved unanimously.

Chairman Walker thanked welcomed new Commission member Noreen Bachteler and Caryn Ferris, the new Fundraising Associate at the Senior Job Bank. He noted that ITN will be celebrating its 10,000<sup>th</sup> ride tomorrow June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Pond House from 3-5pm. The Commission was well represented at Celebrate West Hartford.

### ***Senior Job Bank***

There are new members on the Board and a new Fundraising Associate Caryn Ferris who gave a report. The 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the SJB occurred at the end of May. 450 people are listed as service providers and 1,200 people have been helped over the last year. There is an average of 59 requests for service per month; mostly for drivers, handymen, and gardeners/lawn service. Volunteers number around 50 and work the phone calling for feedback from users of services. Fundraising plans include contacting companies to become sponsors, meeting with the rotaries in the 7 towns, contacting more foundations and requesting donations from volunteers. Caryn's goal is \$60K for this year.

### ***Transportation***

Ruth Kurien reported that tomorrow's celebration will be filmed for local TV. There will be stories from riders. Over 1,500 rides were given this past year. There are now 15 drivers most of whom do not receive money for gas. The board has developed some committees: fundraising, finance and volunteers. There was a discussion about driver liability.

### ***Town Council***

No report.

### ***Senior Centers***

Written reports accompany these Minutes.

### ***New Business***

The Commission description will be emailed to the members for updating.

Parking at the Elmwood Senior Center will be on the Sept. agenda. Ellen Phillips will provide some research.

Noreen Bachteler will be responsible for publicity about all guest speakers at future Commission meetings.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Lynn Silverman  
Volunteer Secretary